The criteria for selection of eminent teachers were as follows:—

(i) Minimum of 10 years or service in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(ii) Good record of service.

(iii) Significant contributions in the field of education.

(iv) Good reputation in the Vidyalaya and the community.

(c) A maximum of 10 eminent teachers and 6 students were required to be felicitated in each region. The criteria for selection indicated above were followed by all the Regional offices.

Holding of Co-curricular Activities by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

902. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are organised in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the performance of students in different competitions is at a very low key; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Each Kendriya Vidyalaya prepares an annual plan in the areas such as art, science, culture, literary activities, games and sports, scouting and guiding and other adventure activities like mountaineering, trekking and rock-climbing with a view to ensure multi-dimensional development of children's personality and carried out the same effectively. These programmes are reviewed periodically. In addition, programmes like debates, election contents, Youth Parliament competitions, exhibitions, etc. are also arranged by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters as well as Regional Offices to provide to fillup to such activities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Engaging of Senior Advocates by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

903. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what norms have been fixed for engaging senior advocates to plead cases of Kendriya Vidyalayas in High Courts and the Supreme Court of India; and

(b) who is the competent authority for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The advocates engaged by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for pleading its cases are paid fees in accordance with the rates fixed by the Government for the purpose. However, in case where the services of senior Advocates are required, the fee is decided on the merits of the case keeping in view the stature of the Advocate.

(b) According to the Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas, the Commissioner Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the competent authority to approve payment of fees as per scales laid down for Government departments.